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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

FURUMOTO et al.

Application No. 09/729,088

Art Unit: 2825

Filed: December 5, 2000

Examiner: A. Thompson

For: A METHOD OF DESIGNING  
SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT AND A  
SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT  
DESIGNED USING THIS METHOD

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE TITLE:**

Replace the title with:

METHOD OF DESIGNING A SEMICONDUCTOR  
CIRCUIT WITH REDUCED CLOCK LINE SKEW

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The Examiner is requested to approve the changes to Figure 9 as indicated in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time

- ☐ Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$110.00 (enclosed).  
☒ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
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INDEPENDENT			MINUS		=	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM					+ 140=	\$	+ 280=	\$
						TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ . A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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